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ALL QUIET... Picket Captain Ernie Hartley reported things were "all quiet" at the entrance to Bethlehem Steel. Things were even more quiet inside the local plant. Pickets stationed near the employees' entrance are (left to right) Anthony J. Caterino, C. R. Usery, Alan Young, W. L. Skinner, Stewart Bates (standing), and Ernie Hartley.

Rodeo Ticket Sale Started

Picket sales have started for the 1956 edition of the Torrance Rodeo, co-sponsored by the local Lions Club and the Torrance Mounted Police.

According to Abe Robinson, Lions Club president and chairman of the event, tickets are available at most of the downtown stores.

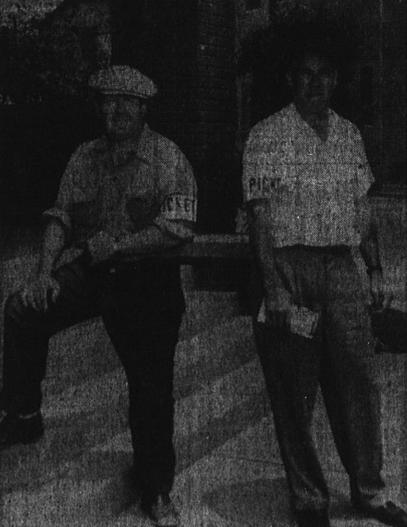
This year's rodeo is being presented by the Lions and the Mounted Police as part of the Civic Center dedication festivities.

Pvt. Ziemke in Virginia

Army Pvt. Donald F. Ziemke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil F. Ziemke, 1627 Hickory Ave., recently was graduated from the engineer equipment maintenance course at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Ziemke received training in organizational and field maintenance and repair of construction equipment.

The 18-year-old soldier entered the Army in February of this year and completed basic training at Fort Ord.



TOKEN PICKETING... As seen above, W. E. Lindsay and C. Mata were conducting their picket line in a casual manner before the main entrance to the Columbia Steel plant.

WATCH FOR THE HERALD NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

With the next issue, the HERALD will return to Sunday publication after more than a year of publishing Mondays, readers are reminded today. Announcement of the change was first made last Monday.

The return to Sunday morning delivery of the first-of-the-week HERALD was made in response to the requests of advertisers and subscribers who have stated a preference for the Sunday service.

As in the past, all paid subscribers to the HERALD will receive prompt delivery service on Sunday morning.

Those wishing to subscribe to the HERALD may do so by telephoning FA 8-4004, the direct line to the circulation department.

No delays in making the switch back to Sunday are anticipated. Present news and advertising deadlines will be maintained.

1000 on Strike At Local Plants

Hopes of bringing a quick settlement to the strike of United Steelworkers of America which has idled 1000 Torrance steelworkers was voiced this week as Joseph F. Finnegan, Federal Mediation Services director, announced that he would meet separately today with each side of the dispute in an effort to resume negotiations.

The meetings today have been scheduled as exploratory in an effort to get to the real differences between the union and industry representatives.

Only token picketing was enforced at the two Torrance plants involved in the dispute. Two men with picket arms were at the Border Ave. plant of Columbia-Geraca division of the U. S. Steel Corp. most of this week. Only half a dozen pickets were on duty at 190th St. plant of Bethlehem Pacific Steel Co.

Clerks Finish Work

Two maintenance men for each shift are on duty at the Columbia plant to safeguard equipment and to report any emergencies in the plant. A union-management agreement also permits a staff of clerical and office workers at the Columbia plant to complete June billings and other matters before leaving the plant.

About 825 of the 1000 persons at the Columbia plant are out now, a spokesman said. This includes both production workers under Steelworkers Local 1414 and clerical and office workers, also represented by a union.

About 2300 persons are out at the Maywood and Verman plants of Consolidated Western Steel, a U. S. Steel subsidiary.

Strike Orderly

A spokesman for Columbia's plant here said the strike came about in orderly fashion, and that no problems had been presented. The last heat from the open hearth furnaces here was tapped at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

About 250 production employees are out of the Bethlehem Pacific plant on 190th St., a spokesman said. Minimum security personnel are in the plant by agreement between the union and management.

President Alex McJannett of (Continued on Page 2)

Walterian on Fatal Flight

A North High School student, her father and two airline employes from this area were among the 128 victims of Saturday's mid-air collision between United Airliner and TWA luxury planes over the Grand Canyon.

Helen Colleen Crewse, 15, a high school student, and her father, Chester Arnold Crewse, 45, both of 18421 Mansel Ave., were passengers on the Trans-World-Airlines Super Constellation.



HELEN CREWSE
... Local Student

City Schools Will Ask For Increased Tax

Los Angeles City Board of Education today is considering the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Claude L. Reeves to declare its intention to hold elections on Nov. 6 to increase the tax rates of the high school and elementary school districts. Lomita, Shoshone, Strip, and other adjacent areas would vote.

In a resolution presented to the Board at its regular meeting Thursday, Reeves called attention to the fact that "it is anticipated that the elementary and high school districts each will reach during 1956-57 the maximum tax rates now authorized."

Present tax rates, approved by the voters in 1952, are \$1.10 for the elementary districts and 90 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for the high school district which includes junior high schools. The junior college rate, for which no increase will be asked, is 35 cents.

Also included in the superintendent's communication was the recommendation that the election be held and consolidated with the November general election. A total of \$95,000 has been put into the tentative 1956-57 school budget for that purpose.

G. X. Fiore, flight engineer on the United Airlines' DC-7, and Capt. Robert F. Shirley, pilot of the same plane, are the other local victims. Fiore resided at 24233 Ward St., Walteria. Capt. Shirley was a resident of Palos Verdes, at 585 Via Del Monte.



G. X. FIORE
... Walteria Victim

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Crewse is survived by his widow, Helen Marie; two sons, Thomas D. and Chester E.; two daughters, Mrs. Wilma Murphy and Mary Louise Crewse; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver, of Iowa; two brothers, Leslie of Ingewood and Herbert of Iowa; three sisters, Mrs. Flossie Shriver of Iowa, Mrs. Mildred Law of Chicago, and Mrs. Wilma Pearson of Hawthorne; and two grandchildren.

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ROBERT F. SHIRLEY
... Pilot from PV

NHS Student

He was a member of the Moose Lodge of Iowa.

Miss Crewse was described by North High School officials as a "good" student. She was to have entered her junior year in the fall. Her sister, Mary, will be a senior at NHS in September.

She was born in Hawthorne. Fiore and Shirley both had been employed by United Airlines for some time.

Shirley is survived by his wife, Mary, and daughter Linda, 11, of the Via Del Monte address.

Till Tapper Taps Till For \$125 Gain Monday

A service station at 174th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. was victimized early Monday by a lone bandit who tapped the till for \$125, police say.

Kenneth Olympia, attendant at the station, reported the theft to authorities.

Thieves Hit Marineland Parking Lot

Thefts from autos in the Marineland parking lot just off Palos Verdes Drive South were reported to sheriff's deputies Monday and Tuesday by vacationers.

Albert H. Stallings, 39, of Steger, Ill., told authorities someone broke into his locked car by forcing the wind wing sometime between 2:30 and 4 p.m. Monday. He said the thieves got away with two pair of binoculars, suitcases, 11 rolls of 8 millimeter movie film and a make-up kit.

Total value of the stolen articles was \$131, deputies said.

On Tuesday two San Diego County women reported the loss of about \$250 in goods from their car.

Ann Louise Webb, 20, of Chula Vista and Shirley Ann Jason, 20, of San Diego, said a large quilted bag was taken from their car between 3 and 4 p.m. The bag contained clothes, cameras and traveling bags, the victims said.

Cook Gets Promotion

Promotion of Sgt. D. C. (Carmel) Cook, head of the juvenile division at the Torrance Police Department, to lieutenant was announced this week by Assistant Chief Percy Bennett.

The promotion was effective July 1.

Cook has been head of the juvenile division for some time. He is a leader in civic affairs and is a member of the Torrance Mounted Police.

Cook's promotion brings the number of lieutenants on the force to five.

Final Plans Made for YMCA Summer Day Camp Programs

Final plans are being made for the Torrance YMCA Summer Day Camp Program, Aug. 17. These plans include such events as trips to Knott's Berry Farm, harbor cruise, U. S. Naval Station, Griffith Park and Observatory, and San Gabriel mountains.

Also planned is a skating party, archery, campcraft, handicraft, treasure hunts, evening campfires, movies, ferry, carnivals, watermelon seeds, contests, and tournaments. The highlight of the two-week day camping period will be a trip to Disneyland.

New Auto Responsibility Law In Effect This Month

The new motor vehicle "grounding" law enacted by the Legislature in 1955 took effect on July 1, 1956, as part of the State's effort to protect the motoring public from damages suffered in accidents that may be caused by financially irresponsible drivers and owners operating on the highways.

Paul Mason, State Director of Motor Vehicles, today issued a reminder to all motorists that failure to observe the accident reporting, financial responsibility, and security posting requirements of the California Vehicle Code may result in the suspension of a car owner's vehicle registration and license plates, as well as suspension of a driver's license. The new provision now taking effect is the vehicle registration suspension feature, which also requires the owner to store the car at his own expense while under State suspension.

The director said the accidents that must be reported under this law to the Department of Motor Vehicles' Financial Responsibility office in Sacramento include all those in which any one person suffers injury, death or property damage in excess of \$100. The report must be made on forms provided by DMV and must be submitted within 15 days of the date of the accident. The drivers involved in the accident must make such reports, regardless of blame for causing it. These reports are in addition to any required by local police.

Mason said that drivers and owners may exempt themselves from the security posting and suspension provisions of the law by establishing their financial responsibility. The most common method of doing this is to show on the reporting form that the driver was insured under an auto liability insurance policy for at least

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Boy Hooks Hand Instead of Fish

Richard Neal Hensen, 12, of 17012 Elgar, set out to catch his limit last week at the Alondra Park Lake but wound up in Park Emergency Hospital, Gardena.

He was making ready to cast his line in the lake when the fish hook sailed through the air and caught on the index finger of his right hand.

Sheriff's deputies accompanied Richard to the hospital for treatment.

Civic Group Meets

Members of the new civic group, the Thorson Tract Civic Organization, will meet tomorrow night at the Gerald Farrell home, 354 E. 224th St., at 8 p.m.

The group recently held its first meeting and is planning recreational and other improvements for its area, a spokesman said.



HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION... Contractors are making a speedy start on construction of the new Torrance Memorial Hospital addition which is being financed through funds raised here in a city-wide campaign and through federal grants. Here crews are preparing foundations to tie the addition onto the old hospital building on Engracia Ave.